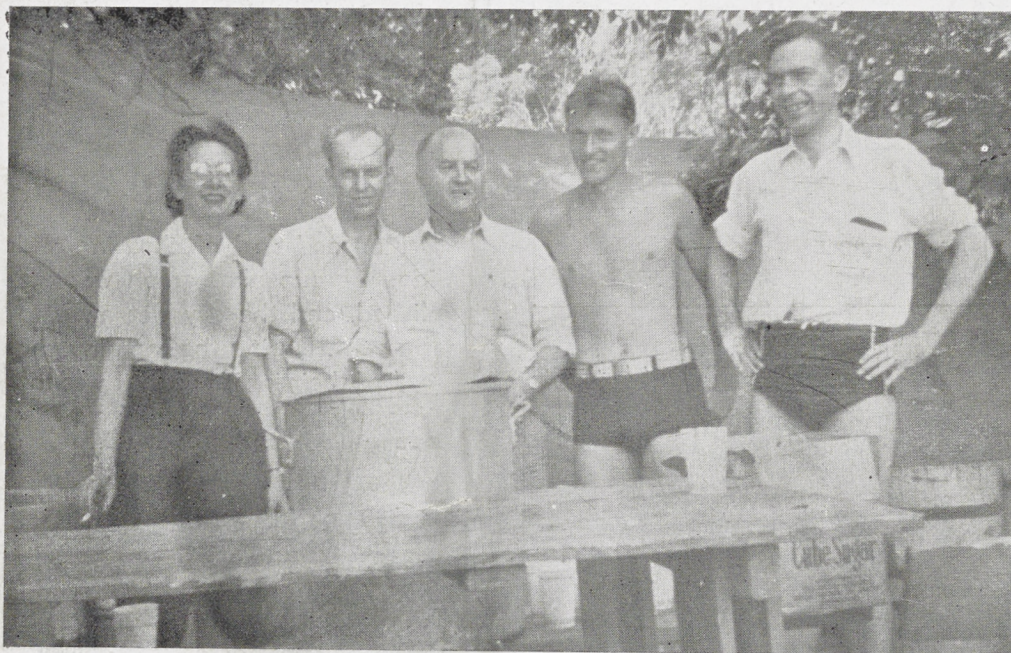


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2nd. Prize General, Stan Coulter, Cancelling Dept

COME AND GET IT!

And That was Real Coffee.

Lil Cassin, George Lyons, Bill Letourneau, Bill Ebbels and Ernie Reid looking very business like as they stand behind the serving counter, ready to ladle out the coffee for thirsty lunchers.

Another Successful Picnic

. . . Events and Highlights



"A Stiff Upper Cut to the Jaw"
2nd. Prize Sports Isabel Anderson, Adj. Dept.



"A Stitch in Time Saves Orville".
Hon. Mention Gladys Stratford, Returns.

"Old Man Weather" was a friend indeed to Simpsonites on July 16—the day of their 18th Annual Picnic. The skies were blue, the early morning air was exhilarating and spirits were high as between 850 and 900 eagerly boarded the Simpson Express for Regina Beach. Song sheets were distributed and although it is debatable whether melody or volume had the upper hand, at least everyone was in a happy holiday mood.

After a good deal of shouting and cajoling, a group photograph was accomplished, and the day was away to a merry start. During the morning the kiddies had their innings and it was interesting to watch the play of expressions on their tiny faces as they lined up at the starting tape with a big prize in the distance for the fleet of foot.

At 2 o'clock the adult events got under way and many a tumble and a good many scrubbed knees and elbows were in evidence. The horseshoe competition was a new addition this year and was planned at the last minute. However it proved an interesting side-light and we hope it will be enlarged for next year.

Besides the sports events on the lake front property, a fast moving baseball game was in progress on the ball diamond at the top of the main hill. Simpson's girls battled it out with



"Wheel Barrow Race"

1st. Prize Sports, B.C. Barnett, Meat Dept.

the boys and were the victors by a score of 17 to 8. The golfers also had a full day of it and you'll find the winners listed with the prize winners of the other events.

A free dance was enjoyed in the evening as the final fling before the holidayers doffed their carefree manners and returned home to the more serious business of earning a living for another year.

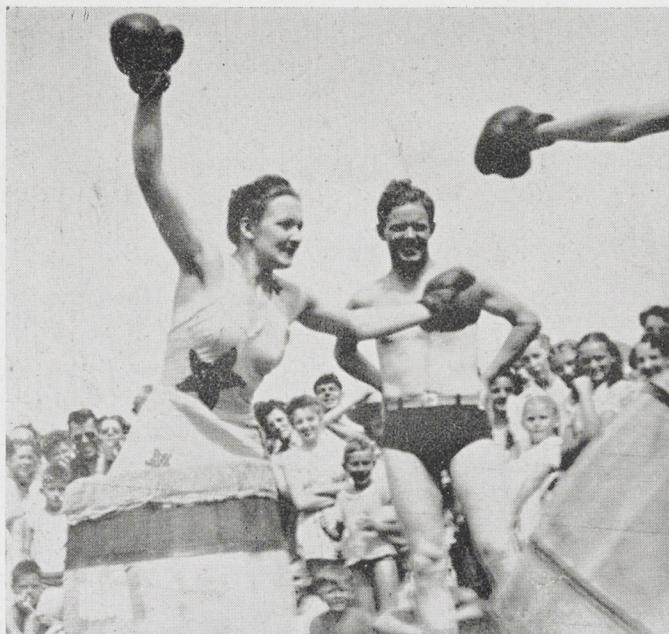
Today all this is just a memory — but one we are sure that will bring many smiles as pleasant moments are re-lived. Before we leave let us extend to Orv Shea and all his fellow workers on the picnic committee, our sincere and hearty thanks for the hours they spent to ensure a good time for each one of us on the 16th.



"Beachcomber" 1st. Prize General, Fred Stewart, Time Office.



"Riding in a Tire"
Hon. Mention, R. Kleisinger



"Landing a Haymaker"—Hon. Mention, Fred Stewart, Time Office.

Children's Races - And Novelty Races

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- TINY TOTS**
4 yrs. & under
1. Jacky Zimmer
 2. Len Kleisinger
 3. George West
- MIXED RACE**
6 yrs. & handicap
1. Dennis Curtis
 2. Larry Letourneau
 3. Patricia Curtis
- 8 yrs. & under**
(boys)
1. Dean Dixon
 2. Harvey Campbell
 3. Odley Sconnard
- 8 yrs. & under**
(girls)
1. Trudy Garside
 2. Joan Gibson
 3. Charlotte Houston
- 10 yrs. & under**
(boys)
1. Ted Brown
 2. Bill Hay
 3. Dennis Kleisinger
- 10 yrs. & under**
(girls)
1. Doreen Kreller
 2. Lorreen Merth
 3. Joyce Gibson
- 12 yrs. & under**
(boys)
1. Raymond Ladner
 2. Ted Oliver
 3. Harold Graboski
- 12 yrs. & under**
(girls)
1. Donna Hay
 2. Joyce Gibson
 3. Lois Wallace
- 14 yrs. & under**
(boys)
1. Bert Bell
 2. Julian Zyla
 3. Harvey Uhren
- 14 yrs. & under**
(girls)
1. Joyce Turner
 2. Lois Wallace
 3. Caroline Schaeffer

Racing Events & Competitions

Just before lunch time, ten children's events were run off and youngsters from 4 to 14 years entered. The ten adult events including such popular competitions as barrel boxing and thread the needle race, took place in the afternoon. Winners of these contests as well as of the Horse shoe and Golfing events are given below.

THREE LEGGED RACE mixed

1. Elsie Bull, Bob Clifford
2. Doreen Budalle, Gordon Watt
3. Vi Walker, Chuck Lewis

PIC-A-BACK RACE mixed

1. Doris Blore, Jim MacCorquodale
2. Bill Ebbels, Helen Amell
3. Louise Burbridge, Eddie Deck

WHEEL BARROW RACE mixed

1. Doreen Budalle, Gordon Watt
2. Joe Herman, Marie Rochert
3. Louis Burbridge, Eddie Deck

FLOUR & WEINER RACE open

1. Mary Miller
2. Eddie Deck
3. Elsie Bull

THREAD & NEEDLE RACE open

1. Millie Zyla, V. Hart
2. Rose Charuk, Tommy McRadu
3. Mary Roscoe, Lorne Wilkie

CIGARETTE RACE open

1. Elsie Bull, George Lyons
2. Betty Johnson, Mr. Pickering
3. Flo & Clint Wild

Races (Cont.)

POTATOE RACE Ladies

1. June Cummings
2. Joyce Turner
3. Mary Miller

POTATOE RACE Men

1. Jim Lysack
2. Jim MacCorquodale
3. George Alexander

BARREL BOXING Ladies

1. Mary Roscoe
2. Millie Zyla
3. Marie Nadler

BARREL BOXING Men

1. Alex Nicurity
2. Mike Kleisinger
3. Dick Terry



"On Parade" (General) Hon. Mention, Stan Coulter.

Horse Shoe Pitching and Golf Events

HORSE SHOE PITCHING

ELIMINATION COMPETION (Doubles — Men only)

1. Mr. White, Mr. Palmer
2. Mr. C. Henry, Mr. W. Anderson
3. Mr. C. Dacey, Mr. T. Taylor

Note: The horse shoe competition was not originally planned and was a last minute effort and the first one in recent years.

There were 10 entries and we think this could be built into a very good event.

GOLFING EVENTS

GOLF (Open to Men & Women)

Hidden score

89	1st Prize	Bud Hutchinson	88
50	2nd Prize	Lee Stan	48
112	3rd Prize	Clef tHenry	109



"Winning Smiles" (General)

Hon. Mention, Mary Roscoe, Cafeteria.



CAN YOU PICK YOURSELF OUT IN

As soon as the train load of picnickers arrived at Regina Beach, they gathered together to have a souvenir faces, your eye sight is 100% good.

PRIZE V
SNAP



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THIS GROUP OF HAPPY PICNICKERS?

or picture taken of the 18th Annual pic'n'c. Here is the result. If you can pick yourself out of this sea of

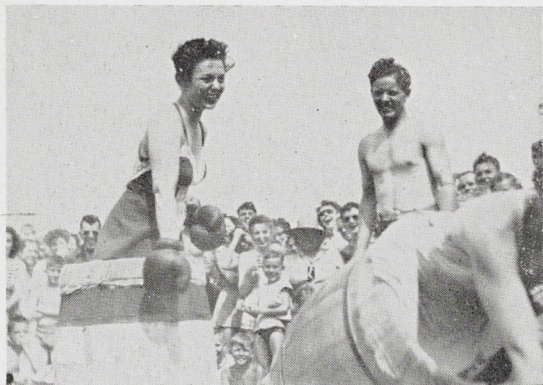
WINNING SHOTS

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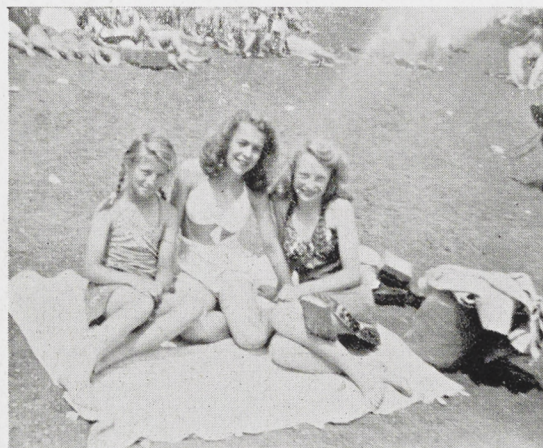
ACTION! CAMERA —

- (1) "Casey at the Bat"
Hon. Mention, Stan Coulter.
- (2) "Acrobats"
3rd. Prize General, Marie Nadler.
- (3) "Roscoe Laid one On"
3rd. Prize Sports, Fred Stewart, Time Office.
- (4) "Landscape"
Hon. Mention, Angela Martens, Dept. 24.
- (5) "Flour and Weiner Race"
Hon. Mention, B. C. Barnett, Meat Dept.



"Smiling Socker"

Hon. Mention (Sports) Fred Stewart, Time Office.



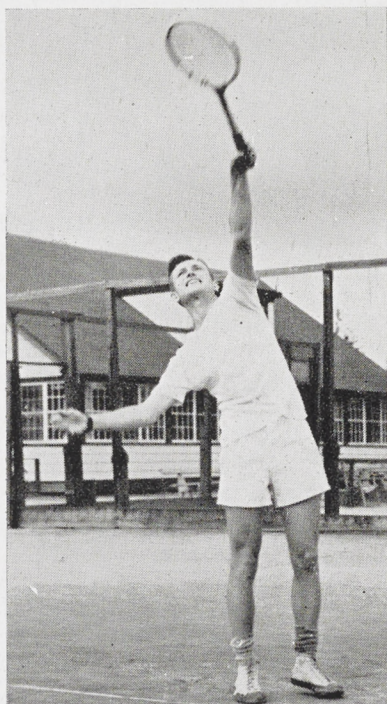
"Three on a Blanket"

Hon. Mention (General) Marjorie McIntyre,
Adj. Dept.



"Trying on the Gloves"

Hon. Mention (Sports) Marjorie McIntyre,
Adj. Dept.



BILL EBBELLS TENNIS CHAMPION

Delving into our roster of Simpson sport stars—this month we come up with a tennis champion—William (Bill) Ebbells. Ebbells recently obtained his Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Saskatchewan — A course that was, for a time, cut short by a call to the colors. Serving as an acting Lieutenant in the R.C.N.V. R. for four years, Ebbells has seen action on mine sweepers and various corvettes, with two and a half years of this time spent in an active overseas zone. After the war he completed his University course then spent 6 months as an accountant before joining our company and is now undergoing special training under supervision of Head Office.

In June of this year Ebbels won the Regina City Singles Tennis Championship and also won out in the doubles event with his partner, climaxing a career that began at the age of 13 when he won the boys Provincial tournament held at Saskatoon. Since then he has also held the Waskesieu Junior and Juvenile championship, the University of Saskatchewan championship 1941, was runner up in the mens doubles in the 1946 Provincial contest and was also a member of the 5 man Saskatchewan team that played the strong McGill University quintet in Montreal last year. This Saskatchewan team was defeated by a very slim margin.

Ebbels prefers the American "eastern" grip, used by Internationalist Fred Perry and is a hardhitting "left hander"—a rarity in tennis though he claims that a left hand hitter has a slight advantage over a righthander in that their opponents, seldom matched against southpaws, hardly know what to expect and by the time they do catch on—it's usually too late!

Other hobbies enjoyed by Ebbels (besides his five months old son! include hockey; where he has been on several championship clubs, Basketball; being a past member of the Saskatoon club, Rugby; playing for Varsity for several seasons and the odd friendly game of tennis with his wife whom he claims puts up a good battle (probably has beaten him on many an occasion!)

At the time of writing Ebbels is engaged with Saskatchewan's best who are fighting it out in Regina this week, for Provincial championship honors and we all wish him the best in this event. A win here would put him in the Dominion Championship calibre players.



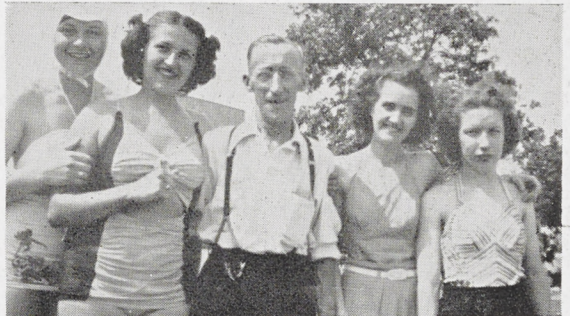
"Playtime at the Beach"

Hon. Mention (General)
Marie Nah'en, Dept. 16



"We lost but were undaunted"

Hon. Mention (General)
Gladys Shira, Adj. Dept.



"Look Pretty Please"

Hon. Mention D. Cuppin, Dept. 24.

Social and General News for August

A real bang up time was held by all at the Weiner Roast held at Boggy Creek by the China and Hardware. Two teams were selected for baseball, namely the Zombies and the Serenaders.. Bobby Jean and Bud Hutchinson volunteered their services as umpires giving what they thought was fair judgment. A slight argument arose as to who won but it was decided the game was saved for the Zombies by the sensational play of Tiny Beckwith. Mr. Pinder loaned his able axe along with his kettle, then Mr. Hunt took over and cooked up a most delicious brew of coffee. After everyone seemed content and full, they sang sweetly until the fire died. Many thanks, fellas and gals, for a lovely time.

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Honoring Mrs. J. Lind (nee Hazel Burrows), a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Vernia Game. During the evening contests were played with prizes going to Leona Descamps and Georgine Jensen. Mrs. I. Burrows, mother of the bride, presided at the tea table which was covered with a hand crocheted cloth and centered with a miniature bride and groom. Mrs. J. Morrison and Georgine Jensen assisted in serving.

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Mrs. Pamela Fjoser left the Cash Office recently to join her husband now stationed at Dundurn. The girls presented her with a breakfast set of dishes. Pam has been an active member of our bowling club and other social gatherings. Good luck to you both, we'll miss you.

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Bill Wilson, Display Department, was presented with a gift of luggage upon leaving the company. Coming to Regina from Saskatoon, he has served 13 years with Williams and Simpson's. Bill is leaving for Edmonton, soon. The best of good wishes from all.

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On leaving the employ of the Company, Kay Pappillion was presented with a pen from the Social Club and her many fellow workers on the fourth floor.

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When Alice Wallick left the staff of the Charge Office early this month after over two years' service, she was presented with a sterling silver compact from the Social Club and Charge Office, Mr. Neff making the presentation. Our best wishes to you, Alice, in your new undertaking.

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On leaving for Calgary Mrs. E. Shaw, manager of the Sportswear Department, received several gifts, a corsage of roses, and an Elizabeth Arden set and also a lovely lamp. Good-bye and best wishes.

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On leaving the staff of the Charge Office on August 14. Fran Sabo was presented with a gift, Miss Reyda making the presentation. Best of luck, Fran.

Members of the Charge Office staff who attended the picnic were guests of Sheila Bruton and her mother for the day at their summer home, Glendalough. Those who attended were Mae Jenkinson, Elva Reaney, Wyn Shorten, Shirley Schenoffer, Louise Depape, Fran Sabo, Jeanne Balan and Sam Welch.

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Mrs. Erna Yerhoff (formerly of Employment and Training), with her young son, was up visiting some of the departments recently.

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Ruth Watson (formerly of Merchandise Office) was up visiting the fourth floor during Exhibition Week. Certainly good to see you again, Ruth!

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Before his marriage to Helen Jordan on June 24th Frank Daborn of 49 Department, was presented with a lovely end table by Mr. Amell on behalf of his friends on the fourth floor. We wish Frank and Helen the best of luck..

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Mrs. Olga Promhouse, of the checking department, on the eight floor, is a proud mother these days, and with good reason. Her son, Thorvald, was a scholarship winner at the University of Saskatchewan.

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Farewell and best wishes were extended to Mabel Kingston who severed her connections with the Mail Order Mail fillers on Friday, June 24th. On behalf of the staff Mr. Head presented Mabel with a china Tea Set.

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A familiar face is missing around the eighth floor. Miss Doreen Yandt has obtained her transfer to the Eleventh Avenue store.

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On leaving the company to take up residence in the East, Bob Naldrett was presented with a gift by Mr. Williams, on behalf of the staff of No. 2 Warehouse. Best of luck to Mr. and Mrs. Naldrett.

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On leaving the company to attend normal school in Moose Jaw, Mr. Swift presented Alice Geisinger (Cash Office) with a lovely pen. Hope you like teaching Alice, but we'll sure miss you around the office.

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Mr. Hunter presented Miss Lena Vilbrunt, Shipping Dept. with a pair of blankets on the occasion of her marriage, August 9th, 1947.

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Mr. Ralph Glydon of the Shipping Department has left to take up other duties at Morse, Sask. Good luck, Ralph.

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Margaret Chowan was the recipient of a matched Coalport brooch and earring set when she left the Mail Order Budget Club staff on August 11. Best of luck in your new surroundings. Marg!

Wedding Bells



On June 24th Rose Lutz from the Shoe Dept. became the bride of Henry Jithon. Best of luck Rose and Henry.

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Dorothy McAfee 8th floor mail filling and Norman Flynn Dept 51 were united in marriage at St. Andrews United Church on July 26th. Loads of best wishes Dot and Norm.

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St. Andrews United Church was the scene for a pretty wedding on Saturday, August the 9th, when Irene Both Mailfilling was married to Donald Bone of Regina.

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Principles of a recent wedding were Helen (Kabby) Kaballensky, Dept 11, and Kenneth McInnis. The wedding took place at St. Pauls Pro-Cathedral.

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A pretty wedding was solemnized on July 5th, at the Lutheran Church when Margaret Paul became the bride of Lindsay Hamilton. On behalf of the Warehouse Staff Mr. Williams presented Marg. and Lindsay with a lovely radio end table. Best of luck, kids.

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A picturesque wedding took place at the historic chapel at the Regina R.C.M.P. Barracks on August 2, when Frances Wheat (Head Office) became the bride of Stanley Jones, R. C.M.P. Our best wishes to you both, always!

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Prior to her marriage a surprise shower was held at the home of Miss Eva Keast. A walnut coffee table was presented to the bride-to-be.

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On August 2,, at the Lumsden Church, Hazel Burrows (Telephone Office) became the bride of Johnny Lind.

Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

Prior to her marriage, Mr. Geo. Moore presented Hazel, on behalf of friends in the store, with an electric alarm clock and cups and saucers.

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On July 26th, at Carmichael United Church, Olga Kuffner became the bride of Lou Kennett. After a wedding reception at the Y.W. C.A., the couple left on a honeymoon to Banff. Best wishes for a happy married life.

Prior to her marriage, Olga held a trousseau tea which the girls of the Mail Order Budget Club attended. Joanne Kuffner, sister of the bride poured tea while Pat Johnston, Tillie Vervaleku and Estelle Allaire assisted in serving.

Congratulations and best wishes to Arnold Schmalenberg and Rita Zaran who were married on August 2. Prior to his marriage, Arnold was presented with a magazine end table by Lou Woycik on behalf of Mr. Fogarty and staff.

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On Saturday, July 19, at 3 o'clock, a pretty wedding was solemnized, when Ruth Whitehead became the bride of Richard Lee. A reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt. Later the couple left by motor for a honeymoon at Banff. Best of luck, Ruth and Richard.

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SOCIAL NEWS (Cont.)

Mae Jenkinson of the Charge Office is back on the job after a three month's leave of absence during which time she underwent an operation. Welcome back, Mae!

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On leaving the company's employ Mr. J. McAllister of the Furniture Department was presented with a gift of luggage. Best of luck, Mac.

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Miss G. Gataint of the Ladies Dress Dept. has left us to take up housekeeping. We wish her happiness.

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On leaving the store to enter the nursing profession Miss Mona Fraser of the Ladies Sportswear was presented with a corsage of lovely roses and an Elizabeth Arden Make-Up kit. Good luck, Mona. We'll miss you!

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Miss Norma Tansley of the Dress Dept. was presented with an alligator leather purse on leaving the store. We are sorry to see her go and wish her the best of luck.

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Mrs. Francis Kelly, 8th floor checker left Simpson's recently to take up housekeeping. On leaving she was presented with a gift from her many friends by Hank Britton.

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Ev. Addie Dept 31 is being congratulated on winning second prize at the Regina Exhibition for needle point. We're certainly proud of you. Ev.

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Dorothy McAfee 8th floor mailfilling, was presented with a lovely wool blanket by Hank Britton on behalf of her friends on leaving the Company to be married.

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Ray Lett Dept. 11 was presented with a gift from his friends recently when he severed his connections with Simpson's. Although Ray's stay with us was short he made a host of friends.

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Mrs. MacDonald of the Jewelry Department received a leather travelling case as a parting gift on leaving the company. With it went best wishes of good luck from all her friends.



The Stork Club

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Free-stone (Nee Kay Poole, M.O.B. C.) are the proud parents of a baby girl. Congratulations!

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thalmar Stranden (nee Gladys Scott, M.O.B.C.) on the birth of a son, Bryan Gordon.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ferdy Walter on the birth of a daughter, Carol Faye, born July 2nd.

HUMOUR - - -

"Did you give the goldfish fresh water this morning?"

"No. They haven't finished what I gave 'em yesterday."

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Woman's voice on the telephone: "Are you the game warden?"

Warden: "Yes ma'am."

Woman: "I'm so thankful to have the right person at last. Would you mind suggesting some games suitable for a children's party?"

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He was the frail type; she was sweet and receptive—but still realistic.

"When I crush you in my arms like this," he whispered, "what are you thinking of?"

Without hesitation she replied: "The manpower shortage!"

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"Now," said the saleslady in a hat shop, assuring a prospective customer, "here's a number that will never go out of style. It will just look ridiculous year after year."

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Have you finished writing your book on courage?"

"Yes, it's all finished. Just wish I could get up the nerve to take it to a publisher."

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Worry is like a rocking chair—it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

—Audiogram.

If at any time you are looking for someone to lead community singing, we suggest you contact Tess Mock of Mr. Lee's Department. Tess made a great success of it in the last coach of the train on the way to the picnic. She was ably assisted by her two sisters, Mary of the Transfer Department, 11th Ave. and Betty, a former employee of the 11th. Ave. Store.

Forsyth's Regina Men's Wear Golf Tourney was held at the Regina Golf Course Wednesday, July 9th. As usual "Simpsons" received a good share of the prizes. Jack Amon drew with Doug Cattling for the "Forsyth Trophy".

Bud Hutchinson bagged the long drive contest winning a deluxe Forsyth shirt.

Fred Redmond was low with a par 5 on the seventh hole receiving a "Brophy Tie".

In attendance were: Howard Lysack, Fred Redmond, Ray Holmes, Ferry Frank, Jack Amon, Wally Ryder, Fred Hannah, Bill Draper, Bud Hutchinson, Art Smith, Jack Chrystal.

SNAP CONTEST

Again, this year, the Digger takes pleasure in featuring the 20 best snaps entered in the Camera Contest. The judges, Mary Ellis, and Thurston Talbot had a multitude of pictures to choose from and in instances found it difficult to decide the winner. We hope you derive some pleasure from the snaps shown throughout this issue.

DRIVERS, PLEASE NOTE

The following was an actual misprint in a news item. "The motorist approached the coroner at 60 miles per hour"—Jobber Topics.

Bereavements

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lil. Seekins, on the death of her sister.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Peggy Samuels (nee Scott) formerly of Returns on the death of her mother.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Florence Magrath of the Corset Department on the death of her husband which occurred August 8th.

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We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. R. C. Gerry (nee Margaret Parker) on her recent bereavement in the loss of her brother.